



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

January 14, 2024 9:30 AM - The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord



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WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

January Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Jill Schock, Riley Murphy, Donna Elliot, Byrl Short, Mike Gilmore, Mike Cresta, Henry Moore, Mark Beliveau, Kem Taylor, Kristen Crawford, Paul Goransson, Alice Vosburg, Heidi Scammon, Tina Maiorino, David Kuck, & Yvonne Topping.

Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Helen Goransson, Joddy Tiratdy & Hannah Mei.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us!

At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests:

Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Lynda Johnson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, Steve Bush, June Slipp.

Military: Josh Bretz, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot, Ian Connors.

Partners in Ministry: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Janis (friend of Eileen & Carl Kackenmeister), Erin Goodman (Jessica Feeley's friend), Róisín Ruane (April Murphy's friend).

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

LECTIONARY

Last Week: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

This Week: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

Next Week: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle
Choir Director: Ken Galle
Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg
Lector: Lara Scammon
Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick
Liturgical Deacon: TBD
Altar Guild: Yvonne Topping
Fellowship Set-Up: TBD
Bakers: Betty Smith, Lois Laurence, and Nina Opderbecke

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, January 17

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, January 18

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, January 21

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Congregational Budget Meeting

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, December 24:	17 (9:30 AM) + 58 (5:00 PM) + 109 (8:00 PM) + 60 (online)	
	Total: 234	Offering: \$6,221.05
Sunday, December 31:	64 (In-Person) + 15 (Online) = 79	Offering: \$5,595.70
Sunday, January 7: (snow)	55 (est. over Zoom) + 15 (YouTube) = 70	Offering: \$3,562.95

Announcements

Congregational Budget Forum & Annual Meeting: Please note the following dates on your calendar. The Budget Forum will be held on Sunday, January 21. The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 28. If you are a Team Leader, please write a short report for the Annual Meeting and submit to office@htelc.com by Wednesday, January 24 at the very latest. More details to follow.

The Seacoast Community Chorus presents "Singing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs", here at Holy Trinity, Saturday January 20, 7:00. Tickets may be purchased from Dot and Kurt Kasik (\$10.00) or at the door (\$15.00). Wendell Scott Purrington, director; Terri Ilaria, accompanist.

Today, we celebrate the "Feast of the Baptism of our Lord". This year our gospel text for this day comes from the evangelist Mark, who begins his gospel, not with the nativity scene, but rather with an account of Jesus being baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. With great drama, Mark tells us that, as Jesus was coming up out of the water, "he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" Mark 1:10-11.

We are a church whose life is centered in this Beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ. And just as Jesus was baptized, we are too. And, as we emerge from the baptismal waters, we are empowered and invited by the Holy Spirit to share in Christ's life and in his transforming work to heal our broken world. Our baptism is thus not a "one and done" event, but rather sets us out on a lifelong journey with Christ and His Church. Living our baptismal covenant means growing in our faith together and supporting one another in practices of discipleship.

For centuries, the Church has set aside this particular "feast day" for baptisms, confirmations, and for welcoming new members to the Church. And so, this Sunday we are overjoyed to baptize VJ Strehl, to confirm Adrianna Grace Marcus, and to welcome sixteen new members to the congregation, whose names are listed below.

Let us praise God for the gift of each of these brothers and sisters in Christ and offer thanks for this great sign of vitality and new life in our Church!

New Members: Chris Dunn, Linnea Richardson, Rani Marcus, Scott Marcus, Lena Olsson, Sue Kelsch, Kem Taylor, Judy Yovichich, Eileen Kackenmeister, Carl Kackenmeister, VJ Strehl, Craig Strehl, April Murphy, Meredith Goodwin, Pamela Brouker, & Julie Anderson.

Confirmation: Adrianna Grace Marcus. *Baptized into Christ:* VJ Strehl

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The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord - Sunday, January 14, 2024—9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity + , one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

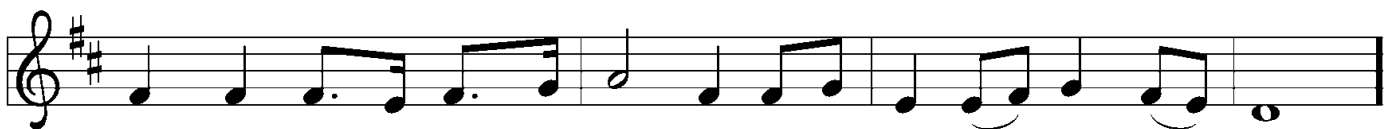
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 423 —Please remain standing—

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Rite of Baptism, Confirmation and Welcoming of New Members

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The candidates for baptism, confirmation, and affirmation of baptismal vows and membership in the church will now be presented.

The Presentation of the Candidates

Craig Strehl: I present VJ Strehl for baptism.

Scott and Rani Marcus: We present Adrianna Grace Marcus for confirmation.

Judy Evans: I present the following persons to make an affirmation of their baptismal vows and to become members of the congregation: Chris Dunn, Linnea Richardson, Rani Marcus, Scott Marcus, April Murphy, Lena Olsson, Kem Taylor, Eileen Kackenmeister, Carl Kackenmeister, VJ Strehl, Craig Strehl, Meredith Goodwin, Pamela Brouker, and Julie Anderson.

The Examination of the Candidates

Pastor addresses each candidate:

P: VJ, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

VJ: I do.

P: Adrianna, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to affirm your baptismal promises?

Adrianna: I do.

P: Candidates for membership in the church, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to affirm your baptismal promises and become members of this church?

New Members: We do.

P: I now ask all of the candidates and their sponsors whether they promise to keep the commitments of baptism, including:

To live among God's faithful people;

To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;

To grow in faith and nurture a life of prayer;

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ in word and deed;

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Candidates and Sponsors: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: I now ask this congregation whether you promise to support these candidates and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

The Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Thanksgiving at the Font

Children are invited to sit in front of the font. Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Baptism

P: VJ Strehl, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

P: Sustain VJ with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: VJ, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized, VJ.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

The Confirmation

Adrianna comes forward with her parents, the Pastor lays hands on her head, and says:

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Adrianna the gift of the Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with Adrianna in her life in Christ.

C: **We rejoice with you, Adrianna, in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The Welcoming of New Members

The new members stand, having reaffirmed their baptismal vows, and the congregation welcomes them with this prayer:

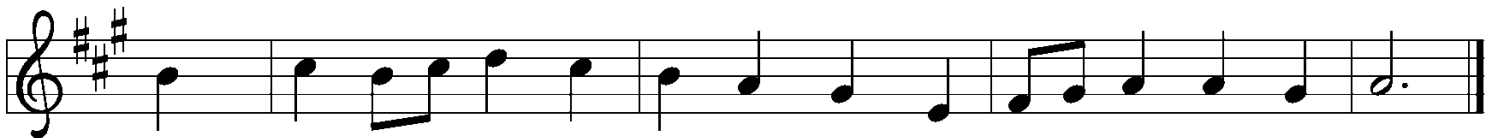
C: **Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized, the newly confirmed, and our new church members by singing together....

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 29

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: ¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

L: ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**C: ⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

L: ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: ⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: ⁷The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: ⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests
bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

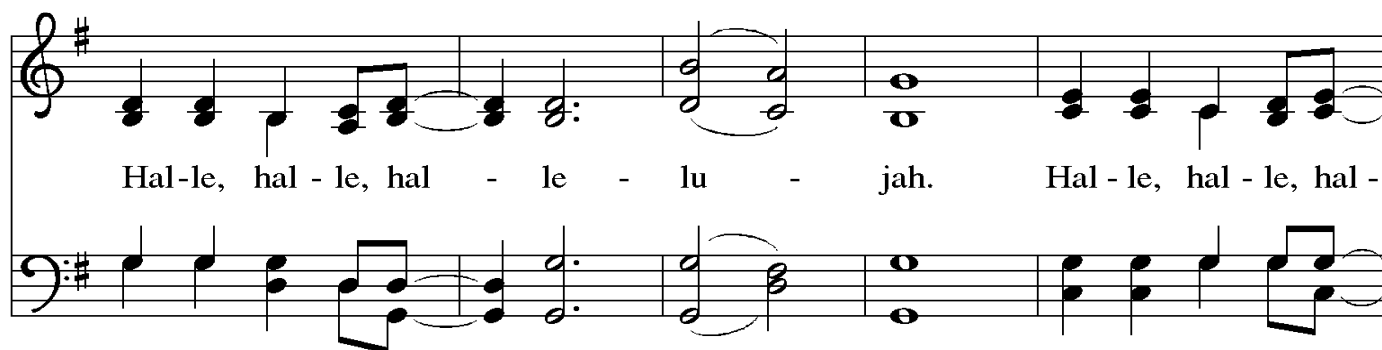
**C: ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L: ¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Gospel Acclamation

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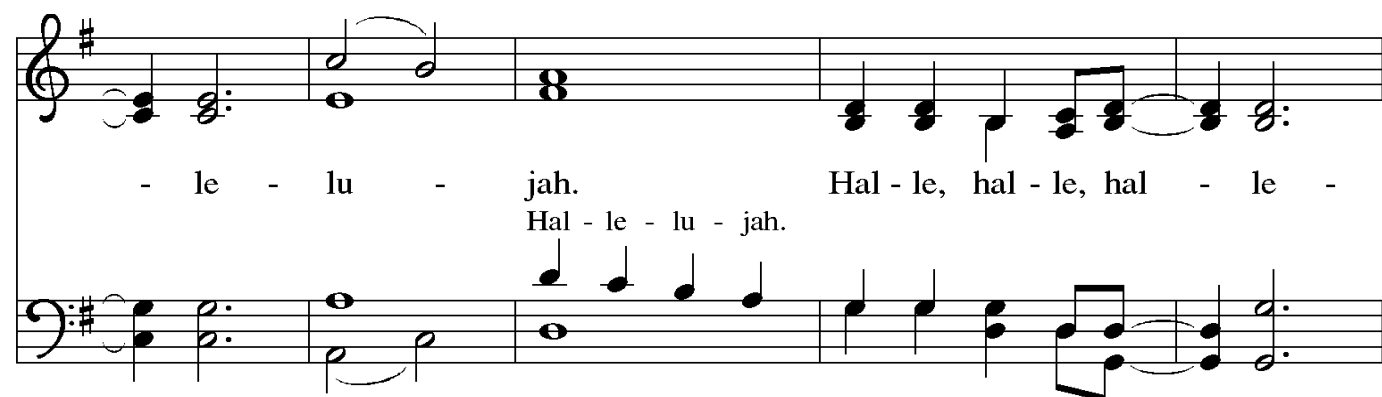
— Please stand as able—



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 1:4-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

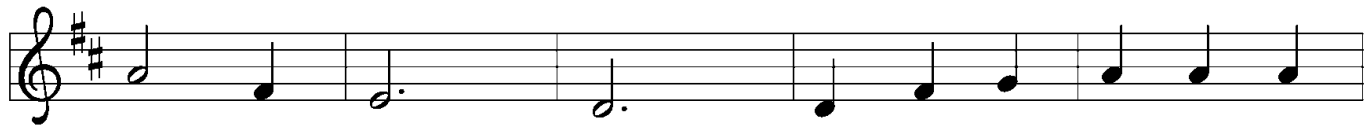
Sermon

— Please be seated—

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



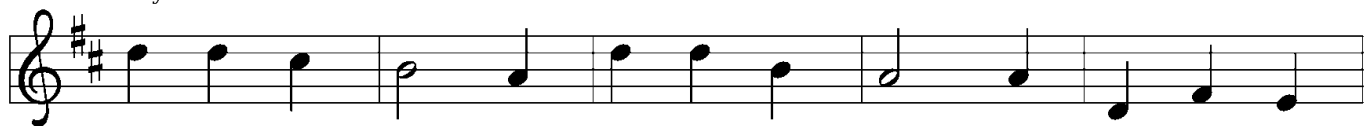
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

Prayers of the People

LD: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

— A brief silence—

LD: Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, O God of forgiveness. Pour your grace upon those baptized and confirmed today as well as upon the newest members of our congregation. Uplift our church's leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us all to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— God of Grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. God of Grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

Choir Anthem

Offertory Song

ELW 885

—Please stand as able—

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: **God of mercy and grace, the eyes fall wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

Sursum Corda

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 290 – Go, Tell it on the Mountain.

ELW 474 – Bread of Life from Heaven.

ELW 466 – In the Singing.

Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**